Whereas, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives honor treasured residents of the Show-Me State who have experienced the joys and blessings of a prosperous marriage; and

Whereas, fifty years ago on September 14, 1957, Charles Malaponte took the hand of his beautiful bride, Margaret Mathews, as they began their commitment to a lifetime of shared love and devotion by exchanging wedding vows during a solemn ceremony at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Kansas City; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Charles and Margaret Malaponte have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include three sons and three daughters-in-law, Thomas and Sally Malaponte, Edward and Prudy Malaponte, and Charles and Michelle Malaponte; and seven grandchildren; and

Whereas, Charles Malaponte has compiled an impressive list of achievement that includes being a retired manager with General Motors and by serving as President of UNICO and as Commander of the American Legion; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and outstanding homemaker, Margaret Malaponte offered her children boundless emotional support, guidance, and understanding which enhanced their lives in countless ways and enabled them to become responsible citizens with families of their own; and

Whereas, Charles and Margaret Malaponte have found the road to happiness by putting all of their energy, love, and ambition into their marriage and by knowing that a successful union is built upon such strong qualities as sacrifice, dedication, and honesty; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Malaponte, residents of Kansas City, will commemorate the glorious occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on September 16, 2007, in Kansas City:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Charles and Margaret Malaponte for their tremendous success in achieving a half century of wedded bliss and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Malaponte.

Offered by

Representative Trent Skaggs
District No. 31

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4724, adopted September 12, 2007.